52. In the field of Health and Family Welfare my Government do not wish to rest on its laurels of past achievements which have already left many national averages far behind. My Government will strive to impart a new meaning and content to the Health Care Delivery System by making appropriate changes in the pattern to suit our needs.

53. It is proposed to start 100 dispensaries this year giving preference to places of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe concentration. Action will be pursued to convert Calicut Medical College into a referral hospital. My Government will encourage the growth of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and other indigenous systems of medicine. During the year the National Institute of Ayurveda will be set up at Trivandrum as a centre of excellence for the benefit of the entire country. Also as a new experiment, my Government propose to set up a Fraternity Centre which will provide integrated health care making use of the best in different systems of medicine. The Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Science will be started in the course of the year. M. Sc. in Nursing, M. Pharm and B. Sc. in Laboratory Technology will be started in the Medical Colleges and a Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Unit with facilities for open heart surgery will also be opened. The newly registered Regional Cancer Centre Society will be developed into a Centre of excellence with modern equipments. In Medical College, Trivandrum the construction of a ten-storeyed building will be taken up this year for accommodating the super-specialities.

54. In the field of medical education, my Government have already taken steps to fulfil the long-cherished desire of the people for a Medical College at Trichur and the college has been inaugurated. The construction of the hospital and college buildings for the Trichur Medical College will be started this year itself. Adequate steps will be taken to see that a fool proof system of admission is devised and only really deserving candidates are admitted to course.

55. Monitoring stations under the Pollution Control board will be started and the implementation of the Air Pollution Act will be taken up vigorously.

56. We have entered the threshold of the Inter national Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade 1981-90 and in tune with the objectives set for the decade, my Government will be pursuing vigorous steps for the augmentation of safe drinking water supply both in urban and rural areas A water supply project costing Rs. 50 crores has been posed for World Bank Assistance and two others are likely to be cleared by the Dutch Government under the Bilateral Aid Programme. The Water Supply Scheme with L. I. C. assistance will continue in the Municipalities. My Government will attach the highest priority to the supply of drinking water in the colonies and settlements of Harijans.

57. The Public Works Department will continue its activities proposed for the year. The revision of P. W. D. Manual and Code will be completed this year itself.

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